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We Teach

The continuity of the generations in our nation have always believed that education is the "Golden Key" that insures that our children and nation will prosper.

It is not only economic benefits that can, and should, be derived from a vigorous and comprehensive education; but also the value that it bestows for the commonweal.

There is one aspect of education in which we, as Lions, have a special responsibility and interest; it derives from our motto, **WE SERVE**. If it is the general responsibility of all of our citizenry to provide for the education of our youth, it certainly confers a special responsibility upon us who wear the badge of community service to be involved in the teaching of our most basic belief about its value.

Immediately, the extension of the LEO Club program comes to mind. There can be no better example of youth involved in service than the many examples of the caring actions that we have all seen demonstrated by our own district's LEO members.

Is there a place for a LEO Club in your community? If so, your District LEO Chairperson Marianne Parker and Youth Committee Representative Gene Berrier can assist you in forming a club in your school or community.

Why not give the young people in your hometown a chance to learn why we choose to serve? You will never regret that you did.

Happy New Year!

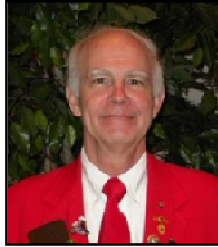
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Second Vice District Governor

DG "Woody"

District 13 B Lions

Happy New Year to all!! I hope everyone had a wonderful and Merry Christmas and a safe New Years Eve.

Congratulations to Gretta Kissell for winning the District 13 B Peace Poster contest. Her entry came through the Old Fort Lions Club. We had a very good group of posters to choose from. Gretta's poster did not get picked at the MD 13 level but it very well represented the district.



We have brought in 68 new Lions this year. Congrats! We have lost 85 Lions... Eighteen of those are through death. Secretaries make sure to get the Necrology report into 1VDG Francis while all is fresh in your thoughts. Several of the clubs have mentioned that they are going to have New Member nights during the next few months. If we keep remembering that "We Serve" and show that attitude to new people sure seems like we will end up ahead when all is said and done.

The Lions Vision Center project continues to move forward nicely. We need to continue to support that throughout the entire district, as we have been.

Thanks to anyone who has participated in the District Poinsettia Sale. This has been and still is an important fund raiser for the district.

The District Convention is starting to come together and there will be information out on that soon.

My January and February visitation schedules are as follows:

January

8 Milan Edison
9 Plymouth
10 Colonel Crawford
14 Sycamore
15 Ontario
16 Jeromesville
17 Ashland Evening
18-20 Winter Retreat
22 LaGrange
23 Sandusky

February

2 Vermillion (Night at the Races) for Vision Center
4 Mifflin
6 3rd Cabinet Meeting
7 Savannah
8-9 State Meetings/ COG
10 District Bowling
11 Perrysville

12 Rowsburg
16 Zone 7-8 Social
21 Hayesville
25 Zone 3
26 Bucyrus
28 Zone 8

Thanks for all you do.

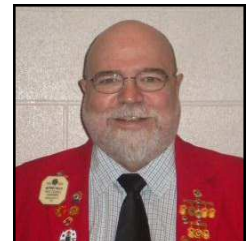
Yours in Lionism
DG Forrest "Woody" Conrad

1st VDG Francis



2nd VDG Jeff

2nd VDG Jeff's article is featured on page one.



Past, Present and Future

Avon

Avon Ohio Lion members Paul Johnson and John Kaczmarek (with glasses) rang the bell for the Salvation Army on December 15th at the Walmart store in Avon Ohio. The Avon Lions volunteered for all the time slots for that day, over ten hours total, and raised \$1025 for the Salvation Army that will serve our immediate area. We had twelve Lions participate in this annual event and our donation total was up \$198 over last year. The photo was taken by Amanda Harley.



Bascom

Lion Bob Swartzmiller was recognized for his recent act of heroism. Bob was driving north of Fostoria and noticed a fire burning in an outside container. He saw that the fire had reached the clothing of an elderly man who was tending the fire. Bob stopped to assist the man. Bob was able to extinguish the fire and assisted in transporting the man via Life Flight. The man is recovering from severe burns in a Toledo hospital. Bob's actions no doubt saved the man's life.

Four club members accepted the challenge to judge the local entries of the International Peace Poster contest. This year's 25th Lions International Contest theme was "Imagine Peace". The objective of this project is to encourage the youth around the world to express their feelings toward peace.

There were sixty-one Hopewell-Loudon 6th grade entries ranging in age from 11 to 13 years. We were proud of all the entries and thank the participants along with their Art instructor, Eric Beidelschies, awarded by the Bascom Club during an

The local winners will be announced at an awards program later in the year. The top three entries were forwarded to District 13-B, Ohio Lions for further judging.

Thank you to all participants!

Bellville

The Bellville Lions purchased materials and built the pavilion for the new Village/AmVets Community Park.

Santa (PDG Dana Zody) visited our annual Christmas party. Fourteen children receive gifts and told Santa what they wanted for Christmas.



Castalia

PDG Lion Stan Homerick installed Todd Mayse as a new member of the Castalia Lions Club during the last meeting of November.

Lion Gene VanOrsdall reported the Student of the Month for November was Lindsey Lemmons. December's Student of the Month is Tyler Kane.

Clyde

Thirteen Clyde Lions and one little Lion Cub enjoyed dinner for their December meeting at the local Mexican restaurant. As a result of that evening, many food items, a generous donation of toys and warm winter accessories were delivered the following day to the Clyde Food Pantry.

Members were reminded that meetings will be held on the first Monday of each

month beginning January 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Clyde City Hall in the Community Room.

Elmore

We had a request early this summer from a gentleman from Genoa who needed eye glasses. This forty-seven year old diabetic has no job and no insurance. Our investigation revealed that he also needed cataract surgery.

We checked with other county organizations but they were not able to help. After further checking we found that the fees were more than we could cover. We contacted our Zone 1 and ask for a some assistance. We received much needed help. The gentleman had his surgery and is now waiting for a new pair of eye glasses. I talked to him after the surgery and he said he can see much better. The new glasses will help. We thank Zone 1 for their help in allowing us to provide this eye care.

We had Santa at the Log Cabin in Elmore. Santa passed out candy and popcorn balls from Tiffin. Santa talked with 115 kids. They had a great time.

Fremont

Fremont Lions Bob Gamble, Harry Sargeant, Chris and Nora Mollis attended the District 13B Zone 5 Advisory Meeting on November 26th at Ole Zims. Information was shared by district leaders and Lions in attendance.

Lion's worldwide has raised \$15 million for measles vaccinations around the world. Lion Ken Cromer told us about the District Vision Clinic Project for the disadvantaged. So far \$49,000 has been raised but still more is needed. They are working with the Lorain County Health and Dentistry Clinic to do follow ups. This is a "whole health" project. We give the vision checks and glasses but there is so much more to do.

Chevron Awards were given to the Presidents of each club. Bellevue has a member who has been a Lion for 65 years. Bob Gamble of our Club has been with the Lions for 30 years.

Past, Present and Future

Hayesville

FOLLIES practice starts January 6th at Stone Lutheran church and every Sunday thereafter. Time is 2 to 4. Hayesville Follies is April 5, 6, 7.

LaGrange

The LaGrange Lions used the Holiday Cheer Food Truck on December 16th to give to the needy in LaGrange's Keystone school district. We do this each year in December. The families also get some toys, a large box of canned goods, a ham, bread, potatoes, apples and onions. We gave away over 8,000 lbs of food. If you have any questions contact me, Kay Hegadore

Lindsey

It is with great sadness that we report the Lindsey Lions lost two of its very valued members within 24 hours of each other. Ruth Ann Randolph, our treasurer, lost her battle with cancer on December 23rd. She joined the Lions in October of 1998 and was co-owner with her husband, of Farnham of Randolph's TV & Appliance in Gibsonburg. Ruth Ann is survived by her husband and three children.

Then on December 24th, our Lion Robert Mumford, age 52, died suddenly of a massive coronary. Bob joined our club in November of 2008 and volunteered countless hours. He was also an army veteran, member of the Knights of Columbus and involved with the Special Olympics. He is survived by his wife, and two children. Condolences can be sent to the families c/o Barb Opelt, secretary, P.O. Box 283, Lindsey, OH 43442.

Lorain

Lions Gary Koepp (left) and Lion Dave Burns, Kettle Chairman start the day at the South Door of K-Mart on December 15th. Thanks to Lion Dave for another awesome job organizing and overseeing this great tradition--for the 21st year!



Check out more Lorain Lion action at their blog:

<http://lorainlionsroar.blogspot.com/>

Mohawk Lioness

Andy Lofland reported on the donut projects. In the last month, our club has sold 752 dozen donuts. Sandy thanked all the ladies for their hard work. Our next project is the Valentine Fruit Baskets.

Poinsettias were ordered and delivered to several local businesses for the upcoming holidays. Thank you to Christine and Darcy for delivering these poinsettias.

Norwalk

Norwalk Lions report Healthiest Loser final results. We completed the program and held the awards meeting November 27th. There were 58 people who completed the program. We had 46 people lose 683 pounds, 2 people weighed the exact same and 10 people gained 39 pounds.

The winners will be listed in the Norwalk Reflector and will attend our meeting next month to report on their experiences.

We had some good reports at the final weigh in of participants being able to discontinue blood pressure meds due to the weight loss.

Ontario

Santa Claus was the featured guest at our Christmas Party for members and their families. Children ages 12 and under got to sit on Santa's lap and received a gift.

Earlier in the month, club members volunteered to man the entrances to the Ontario Christmas Craft Show where they collected \$2949 and 250 toys, both of which benefited the Richland County Toy Time.



Plymouth

Six Plymouth Lions travelled to Tiffin on December 3rd to help make popcorn balls.

We also rang the Salvation Army bell. We donated 22 childrens hats, 33 pair of gloves, 4 scarves and 8 pair of socks to our local Upstairs Store for their Christmas distribution. Poinsettia sales totaled 71.

The highlight of December was our annual Christmas party at which time we presented our Lion of the Year and Business of the Year awards. Twenty-six Lions and six guests attended. We were pleased to have the Shelby Club share in our fellowship on this evening.

Lion President John Garrett was selected as the 2012 Plymouth Lion of the Year. Serving his second time as President, Lion John has served on and chaired many helping to establish the Shelby Club.

Past, Present and Future

Plymouth continued

many committees. He received the Guiding Lion Award this past summer for his work on helping to establish the Shelby Club.



Lion Don presented a plaque to our Business of the Year, Woody Ridge Golf Course. Accepting were Robert Hall and Bonnie Hall. Their support of our fundraising efforts at the Silver King Festival is greatly appreciated.



We will host our first Bloodmobile of the year on January 3rd.

Sandusky

Thank you to all who served the community for the Sandusky Lions in November:

- Tutoring at Mills School: Lions Debbie Kraus, John and Pam Straziuso, Judy Zoellner, Mark Fogg, and honorary Lion Judy Mears
- Designing, creating and putting up Festival of Lights decorations: Lions Carrie Handy, Craig Hecht, Mike Karniotis, Andy Kraus, Jim Huth and honorary Lion Mary Huth
- Working the Silent Auction: Lions Carrie Handy, Craig Hecht, John and

Pam Straziuso

- Donating items to the Silent Auction: Lions John Mears, Carrie Handy, Craig Hecht, Bill Tunnell, Mike Karniotis, John and Pam Straziuso, Don Pfeil

Sycamore

Congratulations to the Peace Poster winners: First place Mykayla Burks, Second place Emily Cook, and Third place Carter Walton. Many thanks to all who helped deliver materials and the judges. The announcement of the winners went out to the local newspapers. Thank you, Larry, for your hard work on this as well as the judges.

Upper Sandusky

This is the Upper Sandusky Lions Club's Lion which was in the Christmas Parade. Our lion was looking very shabby four or five years ago. Some of our high school art students took on the project of repairing and repainting him. We have been



very pleased with their work.

We also:

1. Rang the bell for Salvation Army two Saturdays.
2. Purchased gifts for 20 children from the Salvation Army Angel Tree.
3. Collected donations one evening at the Fantasy of Lights.
4. Prepared and served a meal and presented gifts to the 58 residents of the Wyandot Senior Village.
5. Honored four students as student-of-the-month at the high school.

Vermilion

The month of December was a very busy one for us. We continue helping the residents of our two local nursing homes with their bingo. We rang the bell for the Salvation Army.

Vermilion has Operation Christmas Joy in the month of December. We helped unload cases of food from the truck. Another evening we and many other Vermilion residents helped pack food for the needy here in Vermilion. Another morning we helped deliver the bags of food, six grocery bags of staples, a box of fresh foods, gloves and hats for all of the children in the families as well as a wrapped gift for each child. We delivered to 180 families.

We had our annual Christmas dinner and auction. Our delicious dinners were prepared by Lion Lou Douzos. Santa was there. Two Melvin Jones awards were presented that evening: one to Steve Holovacs and the other to Gloria Showalter. Both recipients were very surprised upon receiving their prestigious awards. Hope that Santa was good to everyone. 2012 ends with our cold snowy weather.

We send everyone greetings for a very Happy and Safe New Year!



We Serve

2012-13 District 13 B Bowling Tournament

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10TH, 2013

REBMAN RECREATION, INC.

***5300 OBERLIN AVENUE
LORAIN, OHIO 44053
440-282-6761***

FIVE PERSON TEAM 9-PIN NO TAP FORMAT

SQUAD TIME: 12:00 PM

***COST: \$12.00 PER PERSON (\$14.00 AFTER JAN. 25TH, 2013)
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LORAIN LIONS CLUB***

TEAM: _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

CAPTAIN: _____

PHONE: _____

TEAM: _____

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CAPTAIN: _____

PHONE: _____

MAIL ENTRIES BY JANUARY 25TH, 2013 TO:

***LORAIN LIONS CLUB
C/O LION JOE KSENICH
2708 ROBINHOOD DRIVE
LORAIN, OHIO 44053
HOME PH. 440-282-3010 CELL PH. 440-829-7390
E-MAIL: jksenich@centurytel.net***

50/50 DRAWING --- DOOR PRIZES THROUGH THE DAY

Pancake Breakfast



All you can eat pancakes
Sausage, fruit & drink included

Saturday January 19, 2013

Rowsburg Lions Club
Community Center

Serving 7:00 am to 11:00 am

Adults - \$5.00 Children 4 to 10 - \$2.50

Proceeds to be used for
Community Service

Vermilion Lions Foundation
NIGHT AT THE RACES
Saturday, February 2nd, 2013

Amvets Post 22, 1517 State Rte. 60, Vermilion, Ohio 44089

All proceeds benefit Lions District 13B Vision Clinic

Tickets are \$15 per person, sponsor a horse for \$10!

Food and beverages provided.

Many opportunities to win 50/50 and other raffles!

Join the friendly crowd, casual dress, and support a great cause while having a good time at a reasonable price.

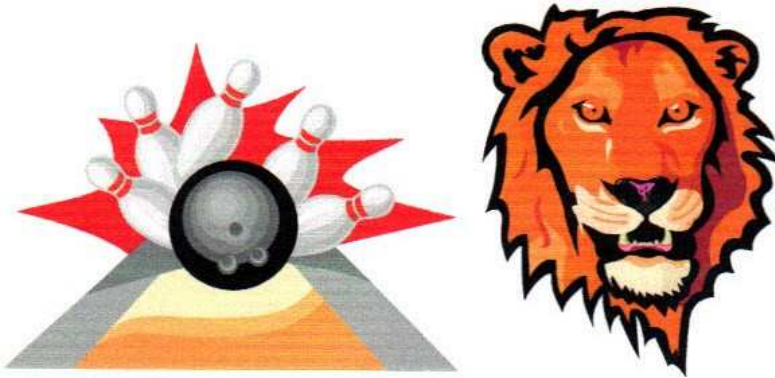
To purchase tickets or sponsor a horse/race

Call (440)522-3750 or (440)935-3268



Doors open at 5:30, racing will begin shortly after 6

Zone 2 Fun Day Bowling



Where: Seneca Lanes Fostoria Ohio

When: Sunday February 24th 2013 at 9 AM

Cost: \$12/Bowler or \$48.00/Team

Cash Breakfast available starting at 8:30 AM

All Lions, Lioness, Leos and Guests are invited. Bring a prospective new Lion Member. Fun with Friends, Raffles & Prizes. Signup Now.

Send entry to PDG Pete DiCesare at 1033 Kennedy Ln.

Fostoria, OH. 44830 or email afirechf@gmail.com

By Jan. 31st 2013. Make checks payable to; Fostoria Lions Club. Questions call Pete at 419-348-5686.



Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 18, 19, 20, 2013

REGISTRATION FORM
SALT FORK STATE PARK RESORT, CAMBRIDGE, OH

REGISTRATION:

Full registrations paid by December 1, 2012 will be **\$115.00**. Full registrations December 2, 2012- January 5, 2013 will be **\$130.00**. No registrations will be accepted after January 5, 2011. Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 4074 Hoover Rd., Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: lionsoffice@ohiolions.org. To use credit card go to www.ohiolions.org & use PayPal.

Please provide an Email address to receive updates on the Winter Retreat!

District

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Children's meals available: Total number of children: _____ (price per meal to be determined)

SPECIAL NEEDS: Please List any special dietary needs required, including the need for a Diabetic Meal.

Registrant's Name: _____

Needs: _____

Registrant's Name: _____

Needs: _____

Registrant's Name: _____

Needs: _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel at <http://www.saltforkstateparklodge.com> or by phone 1-740-435-9000. Room reservations prior to November 30, 2012 may be made by requesting the Ohio Lions group rate of \$75.00/night plus tax **with 1 to 4 persons per room**. After November 30th the room rate may increase. The resort has a limited number of rooms and may sell out. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.

Check out www.saltforkstateparklodge.com for all of the winter events and resort amenities that are offered at the lodge. Make this a family outing!!!



13 B Supporters

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PDG Pete and Mona DiCesare

Dan Stone